



NEWSLETTER June-July 2017

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**HAPPY
FATHERS
DAY**



Happy Fathers Day to all. May all your celebrations be full of mirth.

Post 1008 Group, Lynn from District and the Bus driver on their trip to Washington D.C.

“The trip was fantastic”. Had a total of about 58 people (Vets and their significant others) on the trip. “Visited a large number of war memorials, an Air Museum, Smithsonian Museum and a number of other sites. The people on the trip were great, really enjoyed being with them.”





Post 1008 Commanders Column

To our Members,

We have had a wet and cool spring so far but hopefully everyone enjoyed the warmth of family on Easter & Mother's Day. Our 2016 – 17 fraternal year is coming to an end. I would personally like to thank everyone for your support and helping me improve as a new Commander throughout the course of the year. In addition, I would like to thank our membership for placing their trust in me **AGAIN** to lead our

Post on into the future 2017 -18 fraternal year. It is an honor and privilege to be the Commander for one of the best VFW Post in the State of Michigan.

“Some notable accomplishments for the 2016 – 17 fraternal year.”

1. Established a **new** House Committee, per Post By-Laws, to oversee the Club Operation.
2. Wrote & implemented **new** Club Operation Rules & Regulations per Post By-Laws.
3. Re-established Thursday dinners (2) days per month.
4. Implemented Keno in our clubroom. WOW what a hit!!!
5. By request, open Thanksgiving weekend. Patronage was terrific. Our bar did very well.
6. Renovated rental home. Increased monthly fee from \$600.00 to \$750.00. Great job!!!
7. By request, open again New Year's Day. Patronage was great for Bloody Mary's & football.
8. New ATM machine installed in clubroom. A terrific service for members, guests & hall renters.
9. Reduced bar hours to improve profitability. Estimated savings is approximately \$7,000 annually.
10. Exemplary performance by our Honor Guard resulting in Thousands of dollars in donations.
11. Outstanding support from G. Navarrette & K. Thomas bringing in thousands of dollars of food.
12. The High Quality of our Newsletter resulting in thousands of dollars in sponsor donations.
13. Donations (volunteers, time & funds): Michigan Day at National Home for Children, Patriots Pen /Voice of Democracy, Claus Cause, Wreaths Across America, House Committee Christmas dinner, Ann Arbor VA Hospital, Youth Campout, Needy Veterans/families, Food Baskets all year long and more.
14. Fund Raisers: Buddy Poppy, Airport Show, Golf Outing, Super bowl, Texas Hold-em, Grand Slam and more. We have received approximately **\$21,621.81 in donations**.
15. Past 1008 Commander G. Navarrette, **supported by our Post, was elected as District (5) Jr. Vice**.
16. Received recognition from District (5) Commander for an outstanding new **Audit process**.
17. Received recognition from Department Commander for an outstanding new **Financial process**.
18. Received recognition from Department Commander for being **No. 1 in the State for recruiting**.
19. Received recognition from Department Commander for **100% membership**.

“WATCH YOUR EVENTS CALENDARS”

As you can see, we are doing our best to continue our tradition of being one of the best posts in Michigan. As you know, fund raising activities and personal donations are primary sources of income used to pay Post operating expenses, provide donations to needy veterans/families and provide donations to our community as well. Your support as a member, volunteer, patron and especially donor are extremely important. Please come out and join in.

Respectfully,

Jerry Beseau



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Quartermaster's Report

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Thank You

Jon Kellner for all your dedicated years of service as our Quartermaster.

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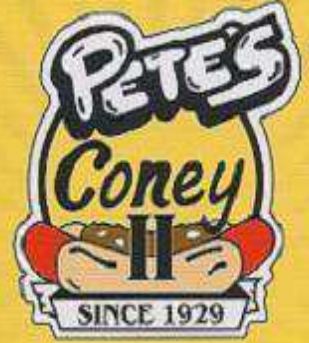


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Post 1008 Auxiliary Column

Auxiliary News

June/July, 2017

I would like to thank the Officers and Auxiliary for an excellent year. Our membership continues to grow, we have tried a few different events this year that were a success, we accomplished many different projects, you should all feel proud of this.

I would like to welcome all our new and old members and Officers as we move into a new year, it's going to be another great year.

- Help is needed for the Memorial Day Parade, call the Post at (248)674-2826 and sign up to help either on the parade route or at the Post Open House.
- We will be having our annual Yard Sale on June 22nd and 23rd; set up will be on the 21st. We will need help setting up and working the days of the sale. Also donations are needed please drop off items the week of the sale.
- The planning meeting for the upcoming year is on Wednesday, June 21st at 7PM. Comes with all your ideas.
- We are still in need of many e-mail addresses, Debbie Burmeister is sending out

blasts to keep our member informed about upcoming events, help needed, etc. , please call, drop us a note or next time you are at the Post leave your address. Thank you Debbie for this huge undertaking.

Hope to see you at a meeting, event or just a visit to the Post.

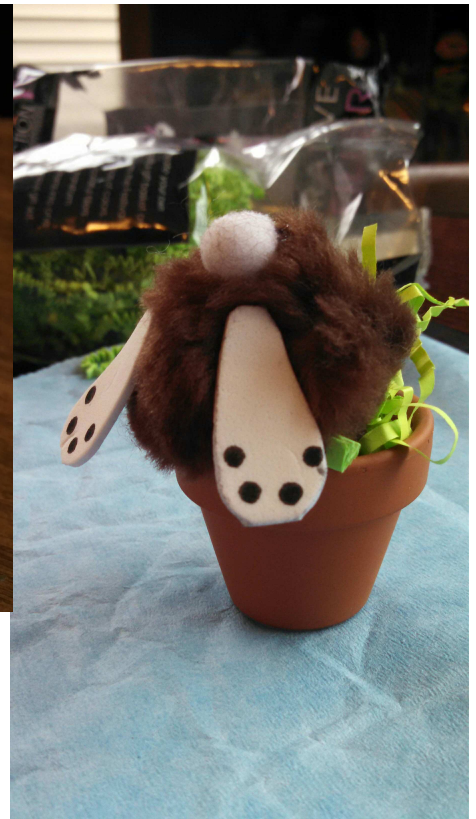
As promised, Karla LaForge's plaque, for Aux member of the year.



IN APPRECIATION
HEART OF THE LAKES
VFW POST 1008
AUXILIARY
2016-17
LADY OF THE YEAR
KARLA LaFORGE



Action photo of the kids.



Bunny Butt Made by the kids.



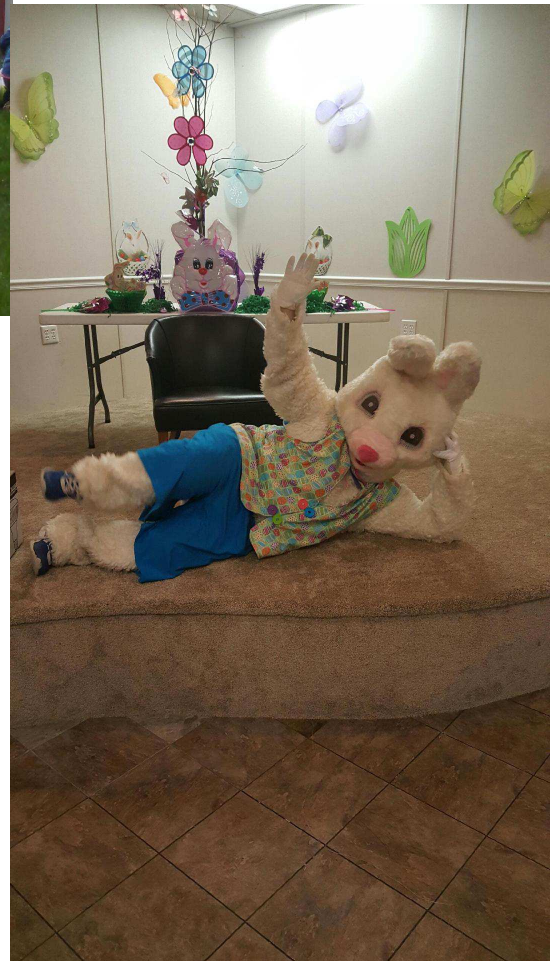
The parking lot and our field, were littered with eggs.



Kids on the hunt. If you haven't been to an Easter here, you need to.



Our bunny's Glamour shot. Thank you Mr. Easter Bunny.



June 2017

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| Calendar Legend Blue: Fund-raiser Gold: Holiday Red: Look At Me | | Euchre Suspended for the Summer | | 1 House Meeting 930-1030am Dinner is canceled Convention | 2 Convention | 3 Work Bee 9-12 Installation At Convention Rental |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 Warthogs | 8 | 9 | 10 Relay For Life |
| Rental | S | | | MCL | | |
| 11 | 12 OCC Southfield 730pm | 13 | 14 Board Meeting 700pm | 15 | 16 | 17 Steak Dinner At Post 5-7pm |
| | S | | | Am Legion | | |
| 18 Fathers Day | 19 | 20 | 21 POST & AUX Meeting 700pm Planning meeting for Reg meeting | 22 Dinner, Chef's surprise @500pm Yard Sale 9-4pm | 23 Yard Sale 9-4pm | 24 |
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July 2017

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| Calendar Legend Blue: Fund-raiser Gold: Holiday Red: Look At Me | | Euchre Suspended for the Summer | | | | 1 Work Bee 9-12 Rental |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| | Closed for 4th Of July S | 4th of July Closed for 4th Of July | Warthogs | House Meeting 930-1030am Dinner, Chef's surprise @ 500pm | | |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| | OCC Waterford 1008 730pm S | | Board Meeting 700pm | MCL | | Post Annual Golf outing |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| | SOA Warren 730pm S | | POST & AUX Meeting 700pm | Am Legion | VET-STOCK Fowlerville | VET-STOCK Fowlerville |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| VET-STOCK Fowlerville | | | | Dinner, Chef's surprise @500pm | | |
| 30 | 31 | | | | | |
| | S | Agent Orange | | | | Rental |

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2 Year Trustee — Mike Jackson

3 Year Trustee — Terry Wolf

Adjutant — Jon Kellner

Service Officer — Don Roach

Auxiliary Officers For 2017-2018

President — Judy Coe

Sr. Vice — Wesley Coe

Jr. Vice — Karla LaForge

Treasurer — Donna Kelly

Secretary — Becky Wolak

Chaplin — Diane Woods

Conductress — Michele White

Guard — Tom Joss

1 Year Trustee — Linda Chere

2 Year Trustee — Debbie Burmeister

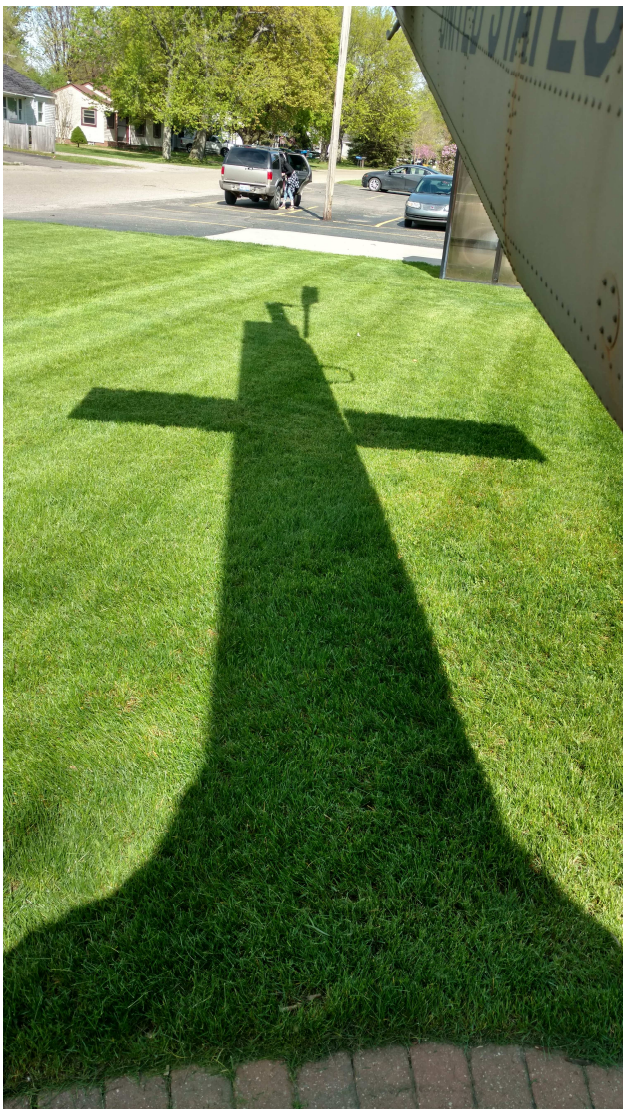
3 Year Trustee — Kim Masters



Birthday cake from Donna to Jerry.
Don't they look adorable together.



Waterford Firemen recognized by American Legion Post 24 for high risk rescue inside a water tower. Chief Lyman, and Deputy Chief Covey in attendance as well.



Our Chopper making A cross on the lawn. Photo taken 03May17



Chief Lyman And Robert Van Fleet at presentation.



The Marine Corps League 570

Meetings held second Thursday monthly @ 7:30 PM.

Newsletter: Marine Corps League, Detachment 570

Commandant – May June 2017

This Detachment has presented Post 1008 with a check in the amount of \$600.00 for the use of a monthly meeting area. We calculated the amount as \$50.00 per month; times twelve for an Annual amount. Thank you Veterans, you mean a lot to us. We will, of course, continue to work with you in support of the Food Bank and our mutual toy drive.

We hope, in the future, we can work out another new mutual event such as a Texas Holdum Party. Our Winter event, the ICE GOLF at White Lake Inn, has been permanently cancelled. No ice the past two years meant cancelling after subscribing sponsors had to be offered refunds after the hard work of getting them in the first place. You understand.

Wishing you luck on your Golf Outing, hope you might consider joining in ours. Thanks again,

Donald Roach, Commandant

Meetings the second Thursday of each month, at 7:30 p.m. in Post 1008, open to all Marines and Navy Corpsmen whom have served Honorably.



Newsletter: VFW Post 1008

Service Officer – May June 2017

If you have been attending our General Meetings, you are pretty much up to date. Our May event featured a report by Bill Coleman on “free” telephones for the hearing impaired. There are three sizes to choose from; each with a progressively larger built in screen that will display the callers words in print while amplifying the volume up to 4X normal. While a computer line is preferred, these devices can be connected by a regular telephone line or even with a cellular phone if that is your only option.

A one-time Veteran’s fee of \$40.00 is waived by going through the VA system. There are applications in a folder on our Service table in the Club Room. You would show either Bill or myself your proof of hearing loss which we would use to authorize the application. The largest of the three phones has a speaker phone. All have answering machines built in.

Any American with hearing loss and a telephone system is eligible for these phones. Civilians pay a one-time \$75.00 set up fee. **THERE ARE NO EXTRA MONTHLY CHARGES ON YOUR BILLS.** A national tax we all pay covers the entire United States of America.

Footnote: THE PHONES ARE BUILT IN WISCONSIN, BY AMERICANS.

Don Roach, Service Officer

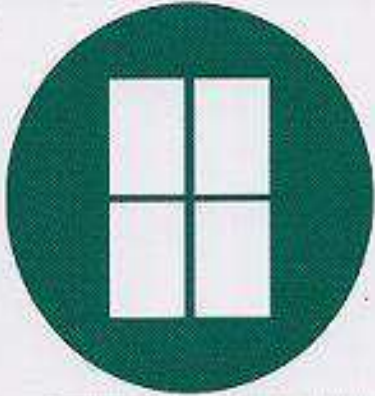
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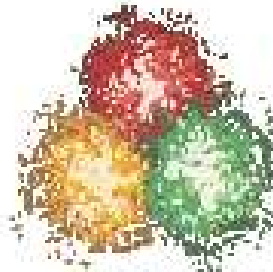
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